



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Serial No.: 09/470,650

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Title: USE OF A PLASMA SOURCE TO FORM A LAYER
DURING THE FORMATION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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§ Group Art Unit: 2813
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§ Examiner: Lisa Kilday
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§ Atty. Docket: 94-0280.04
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 3, 2001

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Applicants herein respond to the Office Action dated May 3, 2001. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9, 15-18, 20-22, 25-28, 33-35, and 44-46 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 were pending.

Claims 1-46 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 9, 15-18, 20-22, 25-28, 33-35, and 44-46 are cancelled without prejudice

Claims 1-8, 10-14, 19, 23-24, 29-32, and 36-43 are pending.

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The cancelled claims are analogous to claims that have already been allowed or are currently being pursued in related applications. Accordingly, Applicants request that they be cancelled without prejudice.

Per the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated May 3, 2001, Applicants note that an election has already been made pursuant to the restrictions required by the Examiner. Specifically, in the Preliminary Amendment, Applicants requested that the Examiner review the pending claims as they apply to the species disclosed in Figures 5-6. This election is without traverse.

Applicants also note that, in general, elections will be made by telephone in this and other applications.

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